



Saint Therese Parish

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We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

April 26th, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter*

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Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

- Lk 24:45-46

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Wednesday: 6:15PM
Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules

Reconciliation: 4:15PM — 4:45PM
1st Saturday of the Month

Anointing of the Sick:
2nd Full Weekend of the Month
Following Each Mass

All Other Sacraments:
Please call the Parish Office
Preparation can take six months or more

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
8:30AM — 4:00PM
closed 12:00PM — 12:30PM

Wednesday:
12:00PM — 7:30PM
closed 4:00PM — 4:30PM

Friday: 8:30AM to 12:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

Next weekend, May 2nd/3rd, is Commitment Weekend for our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. All are asked to return their Commitment Cards when they attend mass next weekend.

Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, our Pastoral Musician, has produced a DVD showing the various projects that will be funded by the Capital Campaign. This was shown at the April 5th dinner, and it was so well-done and well-received that we decided to show it all masses on Commitment Weekend.

Real commitments are made in faith. Whenever we make a commitment, we do it with no knowledge of what the future will hold for us. I often talk to parents of young children who comment on how the commitment of parenthood has changed them and made them better persons. Engaged couples prepare to make a lifetime commitment with faith in God and in each other that they will be able to face whatever the future holds.

As we prepare to make the commitment to support our parish projects and educational ministries of our Catholic faith, let us ask God to help us step out in faith, knowing that God is the Giver of everything we have. God cannot be outdone in generosity. May we respond in generosity.

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider to your commitment to our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign.

Continued Easter blessings to you,
Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Parish Council Nominees

A reminder to members of St. Therese who have been nominated to serve on the Parish Council—There will be an information and orientation session held in Miriam's Corner on Sunday, April 26th at 9:00AM and Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30PM. Please plan to attend one of these meetings to learn more about how you can serve the parish in this important ministry.

Congratulations to Claire DuFour on the celebration of her 90th birthday!



It was a great joy and honor to have Madyson Paige Wissing baptized at the 10:00AM Mass on Easter

Sunday. Kathryn & Brian Wissing are the proud parents of Madyson. You may remember Kathryn (Kate Drabowicz) who was active in the youth program here as a teenager.



Begin the day with God, He is your sun and day! His is the radiance of your dawn...to Him address the day. Sing your first song to God, not to your fellow men; not to the creatures of His hand, but to the Glorious One! Take your first walk with God, let Him go forth with thee; by stream, or sea, or mountain path, seek still His company.

Lord, help us to use each day You give wisely, in ways You would have us live...forgetting self but remembering more those who are lonely, the suffering, the poor. We lift them up in fervent prayer, especially the following:

- Lynn Allen * Mark Allen * Megan Angotti * Mae Bannann
- Gerry Bartz * Lenore Black * Art Bonk * Bernice Brah
- Janice Corak * Anna Daewel * David Dane * Alberta Duckhorn
- Ann Farrell * Theresa Gary * Stephanie Gisla * Lynn Gordon
- Shirley Gradisnik * Lisa Guliano * Chuck Hillyer * Ben Hoener
- John Horobin * Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski * Marie Kneifl
- Kaishian Family * Ken Knollenberg * Marcella Kozuh
- William Kranstover * Ann Lackovic * Greg Lefts * John Lyste
- Andy Moehr * Laverne Mucci * Tom & Glenda Nitka
- Ed Panelli * Brayden Ramus * Gerry Roberts * Gloria Sarandos
- Sylvia Schaffer * Fran Schmidt * Barbara Schmitz
- Lucy Sherock * Carlene Siever * Susan Sinks * Marion Stabo
- Mary Stoke * Olga Valdovinos * Merle Weber * Virginia Weber
- Harold Vanden Heuvel * Michael Waldoch * Deanna Zychowski

Welcome, Rev. Scott Jones, SDS!

A warm welcome to Father Scott Jones of the Salvatorians (Society of the Divine Savior). Fr. Scott is a member of the same religious community to which Fr. Hugh Birdsall belongs, and Fr. Scott will be assisting here at St. Therese as he is able. Fr. Scott is the Vocation Director for the Society of the Divine Savior and travels throughout the country doing vocation recruitment, education, and support. He was here at St. Therese during Lent for our celebration of Reconciliation and for the Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday. Please personally welcome him to our parish when you see him or minister with him.



Heather Mekka and Steve Wilson will be celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 16th here at St. Therese.

Congratulations!

Two of our second-graders, Neely Geirsch, daughter of Brian and Linanne, and Matthew Hartay, son of Scott and Mary, came to the Table of the Lord for the first time. If you missed seeing them, not to worry! All of the second grad children from our parish will join us on Sunday, May 17th as they honor the Holy Family during the 10:00AM Mass.



Faith in Our Future and Annual Meeting Dinner

Please join us on Sunday, May 3rd, at 5:00PM for a free Bunzel's dinner in Heck Hall to celebrate Faith in Our Future Commitment Weekend and our Annual Meeting. If you will attend, please RSVP using the form below and drop it in the collection basket or return it to Cathy in the Parish Office by May 1st. See you there!

Name _____ Phone () _____
 Number attending: Adults _____ Children _____



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, April 26th

- 9:00AM Parish Council (MC)
9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
10:00AM Mass & Living as God's People (CH/HH)

Monday, April 27th

- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, April 28th

- 8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)
7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Wednesday, April 29th

- 7:00PM Confirmation (ST VINCENT PALLOTTI)

Thursday, April 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, May 1st

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, May 2nd—Commitment Weekend

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Sunday, May 3rd—Commitment Weekend

- Catechesis Sunday
7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
5:00PM Annual Meeting and Faith in Our
Future Campaign Dinner (HH)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Littlest Place, GN=Good News Gathering Place, HH=Heck Hall, KIT=Heck Hall Kitchen, LIB=Library, MC=Miriam's Corner, RR=Raphael Room, STR=St. Therese Room

Jobs Bulletin Board in the Lobby

Need a job or have a skill you would like to advertise? Check out the Jobs Bulletin Board in the Lobby.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, greeters, and Eucharistic ministers for May through August are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible.

Lawn Care Help Needed

Do you like to cut grass? A few volunteers are needed to help with the lawn care at the parish house. Interested? Please contact Denise in the Parish Office.

This Sunday is Sharing Sunday

The Sharing Sunday recipient for this month is our St. Vincent dePaul Conference. The following is a short list of the activities of our SVdP: helped people in our community with rent payments, food, utilities, furniture, appliances, SVdP store vouchers, and home visits. They meet twice a month and also correspond with their twinning parish in Jamaica. We have collected back-to-school supplies in the summer, organize an annual furniture collection drive, and have two "Bundle Weekends" when the SVdP collection truck is in our parish parking lot, in May and October.

They are grateful for any help you can give. Your continued generosity had enabled our conference to help a number of individuals in our parish, our community and elsewhere. Throughout the year you will find SVdP envelopes in the pews and collection boxes at each entrance. Thank you so very much!

SVdP Bundle Weekend

Next weekend, May 2nd/3rd, is St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Weekend. Your generous contributions will be greatly appreciated. Your donations will be accepted on Saturday from 9:00AM—6:00PM and again on Sunday until 1:00PM. Thank you.

Living the Little Way

- ◆ Each morning that there is a mass or a prayer service, a parish member faithfully unlocks the chapel door and locks it afterward.
- ◆ Every weekend a parish member unlocks the church doors for Saturday evening mass and for Sunday morning masses.
- ◆ After the Holy Thursday liturgy, a parish member took the towels and washcloths from the footwashing home to launder and returned them fresh and clean for use for our baptisms.
- ◆ A visitor asked what "The Little Way" is. After she learned what it is, she asked how she could help the parish during the Triduum. It happened to be Holy Thursday, and we had several items to be washed and dried. She came back on Good Friday and washed and dried all the basins and water pitchers used at the Holy Thursday liturgies.
- ◆ A parish member cleaned and sanitized our oil stocks and communion carafes by taking them home and using her dishwasher (we don't have an automatic dishwasher at the parish.)
- ◆ Each week a parish member thoroughly cleans all our communion plates and cups.

Lenten Alms: Hope Through Education

God bless each of you who contributed (because of the sacrifices you made) to the Central Asia Institute during the Lenten season. You can be reassured that whatever you have shared will bring joy in many remote villages, and an ocean of reward to yourselves. Let us always remember the sacrifice that Christ made for us. It's what Lent and the Easter Season are all about!

55+ Social Club

Money for the Ameristar Casino trip is due on Monday, April 27th. Join us on Thursday, May 14th when we meet in Heck Hall at 11:30AM. We will hear the songs of Sinatra and other golden oldies from Russ Beaumont and feast on roast beef and turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, etc. at a cost of \$8.00 per person (or you may bring your own lunch). Reservations are due on Monday, May 11th. Call Barb in the Parish Office to make a reservation.

Question of the Week:

Where do I meet Jesus in my daily life? How do I witness to Him?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Mass

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

Wednesday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

6:15PM *Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40*

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59*

Saturday Mass

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

5:00PM †Vicky Anderson

Sunday Masses

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

8:00AM †Frank Schaffer

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and

†Tony DelVecchio

Thank
you!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes &
Offertory

Last Weekend
\$4966.80

Parish Financial Update

July 1st, 2008—March 31st, 2009

Year to Date Income \$354,102.54

Year to Date Expense \$388,278.74

Net Loss -\$ 34,176.20

Projects Funded by our St. Therese Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign

Each parish of the archdiocese was required to submit a “case statement” detailing what projects the 60% of money collected will fund. Our total goal is \$340,000 over three years. 40%(\$136,000) will go to the Faith In Our Future Trust for education, formation, and outreach projects beyond the parish. 60% (\$204,000) will remain here at St. Therese for our parish projects. These include:

1. Replacing Bell Tower Door, repair and updating sump pump system and plumbing, as necessary, and paying for the newly-installed ramp for the south section of the church.
2. Updating the lighting and heating systems in the church and offices for maximum energy efficiency.
3. Installing a permanent baptismal font.
4. Creating a Gathering Space in church.
5. Supporting our outreach ministries, like St. Vincent de Paul Society, Greater Tosa Interfaith, our Sharing Sunday Partners, and others.
6. If financially feasible, installing a cooling system for the church for the hot summer months.

Attention All Who Use Heck Hall Kitchen

All groups, committees, and individuals who use the Heck Hall Kitchen are reminded to clean it after use, especially the stoves, counter tops and bottoms, and the floor. The kitchen, particularly, the stoves and the floor have been left very dirty. Beginning May 1st, each group that uses the Heck Hall Kitchen will be asked to sign up for use of the kitchen and sign off after the use of the kitchen, so that we can assure that our equipment is maintained properly and that proper health standards are followed. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Bulletin Board Notices/Posters Need Prior Approval

All bulletin board notices and posters hung in church need prior approval. Please submit these to Courtney Falk in the Parish Office for approval. Unfortunately, we have had inappropriate and unsolicited postings placed on our bulletin boards. Please note that any notices posted without prior approval will be removed.

MICAH Invitation

Dave McGinnis and Carl Malischke invite you to join them on Friday, May 1st, for the Voces de la Frontera immigrant and labor rights march calling for: just legalization, an end to raids that separate families, access to drivers' licenses and higher education, good jobs, employee free choice act, and paid sick days. The event is part of a national day of action coordinated by the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM). Please call Dave at (262) 253-1062 for more information.

Attention all Married Couples!

You are invited to a Free Romantic Dinner on May 23rd at 6:00PM at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 9306 W Beloit Rd, Milwaukee, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Come enjoy a quiet romantic dinner for two and find out what a Marriage Encounter Weekend is all about. To make your dinner reservation call Jeff and Kim Bahr at (262) 650-9119 (open to the first 20 married couples).



Resources to Help Keep Kids Safe

The Web site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers dozens of well-produced informational brochures covering a broad range of child safety topics. Go to www.ncmec.org and click on “Resources for Parents & Guardians” to find these brochures and other helpful information about child safety.

Source: www.ncmec.org

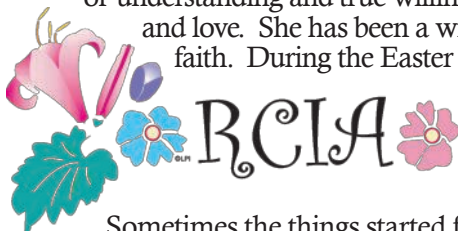
Viewing of “The Healing Circle”

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has supported and collaborated on a project called “The Healing Circle,” a video produced as a tool for dialogue about the ways in which we can come together as a community of faith to heal the pain and suffering caused by the sexual abuse of minors by clergy. A DVD was produced, and all are invited to attend the first viewing on Thursday, April 30th from 1:30—3:30PM at St. Joseph Center, 1501 S Layton Blvd, in Milwaukee. DVD followed by discussion with the Honorable Janine Geske and the producer, Rita Aleman. RSVP by April 28th to Amy Peterson (414) 758-2232 or peterona@archmil.org. Please visit healingcirclegroup.com to see a preview of the tape.

Congratulations!

I wish to congratulate Jim Holmes who was baptized and received fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Barb, Jim's wife has been praying for Jim to find the same light with which she had been raised. Jim has been visible in the community of St. Therese for many years as he showed support to his wife and sons as they worshiped each week. In January of 2008, Jim came to me to inquire about and discuss his desire to become a Catholic Christian. After many hours of preparation, Jim openly and eagerly came to the waters of baptism and professed his belief in the Catholic Church. I wish to thank Jim for being such a great witness to the faith. Throughout the RCIA process his questions and convictions about the faith helped to make the faith of we "Cradle-Catholics" who journeyed with him even stronger. Jim was fortunate to be able to share this experience with his grandson as well. Alex Holmes, one of our second-graders received his First Holy Communion alongside his grandpa at the Easter Vigil.

Angie Cofta was baptized as an infant and raised in a Christian home. In the summer of 2007, she requested to start in the process to finish her initiation into the Catholic Church. However, her life was quite hectic at the time. She was a single mom of two beautiful girls and among other things was working full-time. During a brief hiatus from the process, she received her nursing degree and got married to her supportive husband Tommy. When she came back to the RCIA process, she brought such depth of understanding and true willingness to share her life journey of faith, hardship, and love. She has been a witness of a true Christian devoted to the Catholic faith. During the Easter Vigil, she received Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Aiyana Metoxen, one of our second graders and oldest daughter of Angie Cofta was able receive her First Holy Communion with her mom at the Easter Vigil.



Sometimes the things started for us are better left unfinished until we can make decisions for ourselves. Examples of this can be seen in Dan Goeden and Carlos Pinto. Both of these men are loving husbands and fathers. In the past year, each of these men has had a child baptized and realized that the time was right for them to complete the initiation process in the Catholic Church. After several months of preparation, including a great deal of time for self-reflection and sharing with their sponsors, spouses, and others of the St. Therese community, they received Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Sacristans and Altar Servers Needed for Funerals

Our funeral liturgies celebrate the promise of eternal life and provide comfort for grieving families. Please consider ministering as an Altar Server or Sacristan for funerals. Join others who have found this ministry rewarding and helpful to their own faith. Interested? Please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

Easter began with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 11th and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 31st. Help us keep fresh flowers and plants for the church environment during this time as well as defray the cost of the extra candles used to remind us that the Light of Christ is with us always. Please consider a donation of any amount in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.



Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

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Trustee

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Doug Sedlar (414) 258-3996

**Greater Tosa
Interfaith**
(414) 453-5750

**Saint Vincent
de Paul**
(414) 462-7837

Hospital Visits

The Federal Privacy Regulation (HIPAA—Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like remembrance in prayer or a pastoral visit, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Prayer Network/Home Visits

Members of the Prayer Network pray daily for those that have asked for prayers. The intentions are kept confidential. To request prayers or a home visit, please contact Barb in the Parish Office.

**Please remember
Saint Therese Parish
in your will !**

Easter Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Donor Name _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Of/For _____

Please publish: Yes No Anonymous, but print intention

Bulletin deadline:
Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:
Thursday, 12:00 NOON

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.